

# St. Mary's Easter Mail



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Bi-weekly Newsletter

Dates for your diary

Welcome back to what promises to be a busy and exciting final term of the academic year. We have so much to look forward to over the coming weeks, including Sports Day, our Year 5/6 production, library visits, sporting events and some class trips and experiences. These opportunities are an important part of life at St Mary's and help us to ensure that our children continue to *Explore, Enjoy and Excel together*.

Alongside these exciting events, this is also an important term for end-of-year assessments. Children across the school will be completing assessments which help us to celebrate their progress, identify next steps in learning and make informed plans for the year ahead. To support your child in achieving their very best, it is vital that they attend school every day that they are well enough to do so. Every lesson counts, particularly at this point in the year when teachers are gathering information to support a smooth transition into September.

Our value this term is **Perseverance**. In assembly this week, we reflected on the story of Nehemiah, who faced many challenges whilst rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. Despite setbacks, criticism and obstacles, he remained focused on his goal and did not give up. We considered what perseverance looks like in our own lives at St Mary's—whether that is tackling a tricky piece of learning, improving a skill, being a good friend or continuing to do the right thing when things become difficult.

I look forward to seeing our children demonstrate this value throughout the term and to celebrating all that they achieve before the summer holidays.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

*Bethan Scriven*



| June   |                             |
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| Mon1-Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>                            | Multiplication Table Check  |
| Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>            | Yr1 Phonics Screening Check |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>                               | Class/Yr 6 Photos           |
| Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> am                              | KS2 Sports Day              |
| Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> 1pm-2pm                         | KS1 Sports Day              |
| Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> 2pm-3pm                         | EYFS Sports Day             |
| Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>                                 | Mufti Day for Summer Fair   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> /26 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> | Yr5/6 We the Curious        |
| July   |                             |
| Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>                             | Summer Fair/Tuckfield       |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>                              | Yr5/6 Performance PM        |
| Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> 2:30pm                          | EYFS Celebration Assembly   |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>                             | Yr 5/6 Performance AM       |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>                              | Leavers Disco               |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>                              | Rocksteady performance      |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>                             | Rocksteady performance      |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>                             | Yr6 Mojo Active             |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>                              | Leavers Service AM          |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>                              | Last day of term            |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>                              | <b>INSET DAY</b>            |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>                             | <b>INSET DAY</b>            |

### Well done to the following students who have received a certificate in the last few weeks

Violet, Elora, Eddie R, River-Rose, Ellis Layla T, Hope P, William C, Tommy S, Ellaria, Daisie K, Esmee K, Leonie, Faith L, Georgia M, Ewan G, Danny, Declan L, Olivia P, Jensen W, Jude, Poppy H-Y, Zachary W, Miles, Gia, Kai F.N, Lavinia, Dexter, Penny F, Artemia, Koda, Maggie, Jacob M, Martha B, Oliver M, Harrison B & Jayden B.

### Library Visits

We are delighted that every class will be visiting the local library this term. We hope that these visits will become a regular part of our curriculum and help children to recognise the library as a valuable community resource

During their visit, each child will have the opportunity to borrow a book. These books will remain in school throughout the term so that children can enjoy reading them with their class and teachers. We will return all borrowed books to the library at the end of the term.

In the coming weeks, we are also looking forward to welcoming members of the library team into school to introduce this year's Summer Reading Challenge. We hope that, as in previous years, many of our children will take part over the summer holidays and continue to foster a love of reading.

### 2026/2027 Term Dates

| Term 1   | Term 2  | Term 3   | Term 4  | Term 5   | Term 6  |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| Start 1 <sup>st</sup> September<br>End 23 <sup>rd</sup> October<br>INSET 1 <sup>st</sup> September | Start 2 <sup>nd</sup> November<br>End 18 <sup>th</sup> December<br>INSET 22 <sup>nd</sup> October<br>INSET 23 <sup>rd</sup> October | Start 4 <sup>th</sup> January<br>End 12 <sup>th</sup> February | Start 22 <sup>nd</sup> February<br>End 25 <sup>th</sup> March | Start 12 <sup>th</sup> April<br>End 28 <sup>th</sup> May | Start 7 <sup>th</sup> June<br>End 21 <sup>st</sup> July<br>INSET 25 <sup>th</sup> June<br>INSET 28 <sup>th</sup> June |

# Noticeboard

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**St Mary's & Dolce Parent Lunch**  
**SPORTS DAY**  
**CELEBRATION! 2026**  
**FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026**

**SPECIAL SPORTS DAY MENU**

- Fish Finger & Chips
- Fishless Fingers & Chips
- Fish Fingers and Chips  
Gluten Free
- Chocolate Orange Cookie
- Fresh Fruit

FRESH FOOD FRESH FOOD

**ONE PARENT ENTITLED TO A FREE LUNCH**  
if their child has ordered via school grid.

**dolce**  
schools catering

**PARENT ORDERS MUST BE PLACED VIA THE GOOGLE FORM**

**DEADLINE: TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE**



# THIS SUMMER HOLIDAYS! CREATIVE HOLIDAY CLUB

**NO COST**



Arts & Drama



Games



Outdoor Play



Storytelling



Wellbeing



Mindfulness



Lunch / snacks included!

## Where & When?

### Creative Holiday Club

All sessions run Monday - Thursday: 10am - 2pm

#### 27th - 30th July

Withywood, Hillfields,  
Little Stoke

#### 3rd - 6th August

Hartcliffe, Hillfields,  
Downend, Stoke Gifford

#### 10th - 13th August

Hartcliffe, Hillfields, Hengrove,  
Little Stoke, St George

#### 17th - 20th August

Hartcliffe, Hillfields,  
Downend, St George

### Relaxed SEND Sessions

Stay and Play with Parents / Carers

**31st July**  
Downend

**4th August**  
Yate

**7th August**  
Hartcliffe

**6th August**  
Horfield

**14th August**  
Downend

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